

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kirk Wagoner, on March 8, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Carolyn Tschida, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 92, 2/27/2017; SB 96, 2/27/2017

00:00:45 Chair Wagoner  
00:00:58 Rep. Welch left the meeting

### **HEARING ON SB 96**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:10 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 96, Right to shop act for health care services.

**EXHIBIT(huh48a01)**

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:12 Commissioner Matthew Rosendale, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)  
00:12:45 Alicia Smith, NAMI  
00:14:11 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association  
00:15:34 David Herbst, American's for Prosperity Montana

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:22:07 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source

**EXHIBIT(huh48a02)**

00:26:44 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting  
00:26:53 Jessica Rhoades, Governor's Office  
00:28:43 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**EXHIBIT(huh48a03)**

00:33:07 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:35:16 Greg Drapes, Monida Healthcare Network  
00:39:20 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans  
00:42:46 Eve Franklin, Montana Optometric Association  
00:46:52 Marti Wangen, Montana Podiatric Medical Association  
00:47:10 Brian Thompson, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority  
00:47:33 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals  
00:47:58 Bill Wordan, St. Peters Hospital; Bozeman Health  
00:48:25 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBSMT)  
00:48:51 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
00:49:14 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
00:49:59 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Medical Center

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:59 Rep. Ricci  
00:52:04 Bob Olson, MHA  
00:53:46 Frank Cote, BCBSMT  
00:56:33 Rep. Kelker  
00:57:31 Bob Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals  
00:58:49 Rep. Kelker  
00:59:37 Sen. Smith  
01:00:28 Rep. Welch joined the meeting

01:02:54 Rep. Kelker  
01:03:42 Chair Wagoner  
01:03:59 Rep. Karjala  
01:04:30 Sen. Smith  
01:08:48 Rep. Karjala  
01:09:05 Jessica Rhoades, Governor's Office  
01:10:49 Rep. Karjala  
01:11:19 Jessica Rhoades, Governor's Office  
01:12:30 Rep. Usher  
01:13:32 Jessica Rhoades, Governor's Office  
01:14:25 Rep. Usher  
01:14:51 Sen. Smith  
01:18:04 Chair Wagoner  
01:18:38 Harold Blattie, MACo  
01:21:04 Rep. Dunwell  
01:21:53 Sen. Smith  
01:22:32 Brett Olin, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)  
01:23:28 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting  
01:23:37 Rep. Dunwell  
01:24:10 Harold Blattie, MACo  
01:26:18 Rep. Ricci  
01:26:59 Matthew Rosendale, OSA  
01:28:19 Rep. Ricci  
01:28:30 Matthew Rosendale, OSA  
01:29:02 Sen. Smith  
01:31:16 Rep. Jacobson  
01:32:15 Sen. Smith  
01:34:48 Rep. Harris  
01:36:18 Matthew Rosendale, OSA  
01:38:17 Rep. Dunwell  
01:38:50 Sen. Smith  
01:39:59 Rep. Dunwell  
01:40:22 Sen. Smith  
01:41:39 Rep. Dunwell  
01:42:31 Bob Olson, MHA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:45:37 Sen. Smith

01:57:35 Recess

02:08:12 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 92****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:08:26 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 92, Allow for proxy decision-making in medical care.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:09:36 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals; Billings Clinic  
02:12:45 Terry Hollister, St. Vincent Healthcare  
02:14:49 Deborah Smith, St. Vincent Healthcare  
02:15:47 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
02:17:40 Alicia Smith, NAMI  
02:19:13 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference  
02:20:53 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
02:21:47 Colleen Rahn, NAMI

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

02:22:44 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:26:46 Rep. Harris  
02:27:15 Sen. Olszewski  
02:33:40 Rep. Harris  
02:33:56 Sen. Olszewski  
02:34:12 Chair Wagoner  
02:34:43 Sen. Olszewski  
02:35:42 Rep. Karjala  
02:36:04 Sen. Olszewski  
02:36:22 Al Smith, MTLA  
02:36:59 Rep. Karjala  
02:37:13 Al Smith, MTLA  
02:38:24 Rep. Karjala

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:38:35 Sen. Olszewski

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:39:55

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Carolyn Tschida, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh48aad.pdf](#))